Industry, Broadcasters, Multi Service Operators and Ministry of Consumer Affairs. It is not feasible to assign a fixed time frame for the Task Force to give its report.

The terms of reference of the Task Force, *inter-alia,* include the following:

(i) To make recommendation on the feasibility and desirability of introducing CAS for television viewing through the cable network; (ii) To make recommendation regarding the modalities of introducing C.A.S. (in case it is found feasible and desirable) including the aspects like pricing, burden of costs and such other related issues; (iii) To debate the issue of technology for the Set Top Boxes and whether the same could be standardised; and if so, which technology would be most apt/suitable; and (iv) Any other issue referred to the Task Force by the Government from time to time, (c) The Task Force has held two meetings.

Launching of Krishi Channel on DD

†1445. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD CASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to launch a regular daily "Krishi Channel" on Doordarshan in order to ensure that Indian farmers are able to use modem advance technology and protect their crops, fertile land and seeds;

(b) if so, by when a decision will be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not launching the "Krishi Channel" on Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati have intimated that at present programmes to meet the information needs of farmers and rural audiences are alrea'dy being telecast from various Kendras of Doordarshan in the respective regional languages on a regular basis, for five hours a day on an average. Prasar Bharati is also consulting experts to modify update contents of the agricultural programmes.

Code of Conduct for Judges

1446. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state as in the case of Legislative and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Executive, whether Government have worked out some mechanism or arrangement like Lokpal to work as code of conduct for the Judges so that the members of the Judiciary are subject to disciplinary and Conduct Rules framed by the State Governments and the High Courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): The issue of Judicial Accountability was discussed at the Conference of Chief Justices held in 1990 and on the basis of the broad consensus emerging out of the deliberations, the Chief Justice of India summed up the position as follows:

> "The Chief Justice "Of the High Court has the competence to receive complaints against the conduct of the Judges of his court and when he receives any he would look into it for finding out if it deserves to be closely looked into. Where he is satisfied that the matter requires to be examined, he shall have facts ascertained in such manner as he considers appropriate keeping the nature of allegations in view and if he is of the opinion that the matter is such that it.should be reported to the Chief Justice of India, he shall do so.
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> The Chief Justice of India shall act in a similar manner in regard to complaints relating to conduct of Judges of the Supreme Court and in regard to conduct of Chief Justices of the High Courts.
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> On the basis of the facts ascertained, the Chief Justice of the High Court or the Supreme Court, as the case may be shall take such appropriate action as may be considered proper, keeping the interests of the judiciary as the paramount consideration."

The complaints received against the Judges of the Supreme Court and the High Courts are dealt with in the manner indicated above.

One of the items of the National Agenda for Governance is to set up a National Judicial Commission (NJC) to make recommendations for judicial appointment in the Supreme Court of India and the High Courts and to draw up a Code of Ethics. The Government is committed to the idea of setting up the Commission to deal with these matters.

The subject matter regarding corruption in lower Judiciary is the concern of the respective High Court in accordance with the provisions of article 235 of the Constitution of India.